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OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND: THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FORECAST TO 1995

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RECENTLY DEVELOPED STATEWIDE INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS TO 1995. THIS STUDY OF "JOB FUTURES" IS THE FIFTH OF ITS TYPE COMPLETED BY THE DIVISION SINCE 1971.

LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF LABOR MARKET DIGEST FEATURED THE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT SIDE OF THE PROJECTIONS. THIS ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS THE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SIDE. THESE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES COVER ALL MAINE WORKERS, INCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS. LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE ON INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT COVERED WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS ONLY, I.E., SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS WERE EXCLUDED.

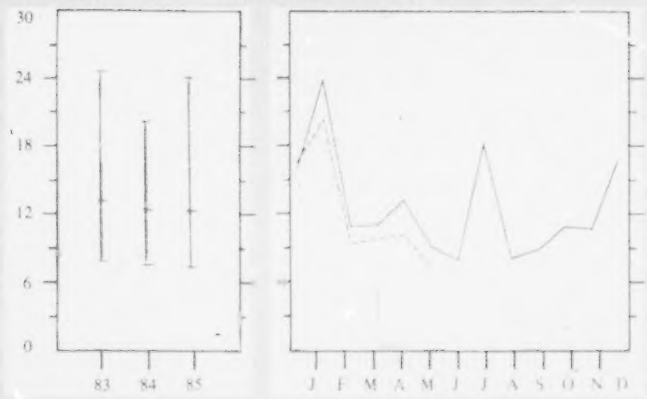
OCCUPATIONS ARE CLASSIFIED FROM THE FOUR VERY BROAD CATEGORIES OF WHITE COLLAR WORKERS, BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, SERVICE WORKERS, AND FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS, TO A VERY DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES AROUND 1,200 SEPARATE TITLES. OVER THE ELEVEN-YEAR PROJECTION PERIOD, THE PAST TRENDS IN THESE FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. SERVICE WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE FASTEST, JUST OVER 25 PERCENT, AND WILL INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT FROM 15 TO 16 PERCENT. WITHIN THIS CATEGORY, FOOD SERVICE OCCUPATIONS WILL ADD THE MOST NUMBER OF NEW WORKERS, BUT HEALTH SERVICES AND PERSONAL SERVICES WILL MAKE THE LARGEST RELATIVE GAINS IN EMPLOYMENT.

WHITE COLLAR WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 21 PERCENT, GIVING THEM NEARLY 48 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN 1995 COMPARED WITH 46 PERCENT IN 1984. THESE WORKERS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL WORKERS, MANAGERS, SALES WORKERS, AND CLERICAL WORKERS. PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WORKERS AND SALES WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE FASTEST, BUT HAVING A LARGE EMPLOYMENT BASE, THE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL CATEGORY WILL ADD NEARLY THREE TIMES AS MANY NEW WORKERS AS WILL THE SALES CATEGORY. BLUE COLLAR WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY TEN PERCENT ADDING NEARLY 19,200 NEW JOBS OVER THIS ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES CRAFTS AND KINDRED WORKERS, OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS, AND NONFARM LABORERS. OF THESE THREE, CRAFT WORKERS WILL FAIR THE BEST BY FAR, INCREASING EMPLOYMENT BY 17 PERCENT AND ADDING NEARLY 13,000 NEW WORKERS TO THEIR NUMBERS. THE LAST OF THE BASIC FOUR CATEGORIES, FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS, ARE EXPECTED TO DECLINE BY NEARLY 14 PERCENT DURING THIS PROJECTION PERIOD, LOSING OVER 300 PERSONS.

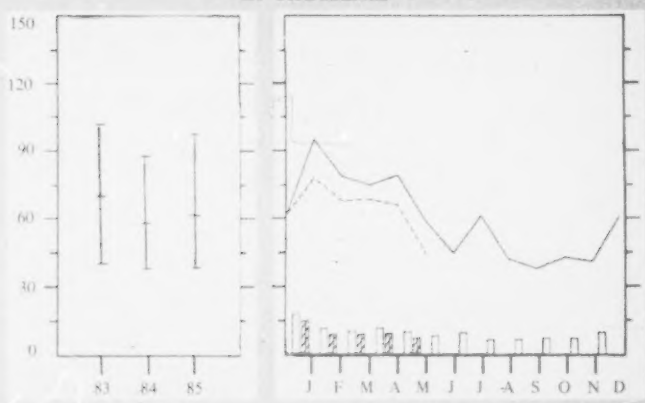
CREATING NEW JOBS THROUGH INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IS ONLY PART OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES PICTURE. ANOTHER MAJOR FACTOR FOR ASSESSING FUTURE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS IS REPLACEMENT DEMAND. THIS IS THE NEED TO REPLACE THOSE WORKERS WHO DIE, RETIRE, OR OTHERWISE LEAVE THE WORK FORCE FOR REASONS SUCH AS DISABILITIES OR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES. IN MOST OCCUPATIONS, MANY MORE WORKERS WILL BE NEEDED TO MEET REPLACEMENT DEMANDS THAN TO FILL NEW JOBS CREATED BY INDUSTRIAL GROWTH. THE TABLE ON PAGE 2 SHOWS EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION IN THE YEAR 1984, THE PROJECTED YEAR 1995, THE ABSOLUTE AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS OVER THIS ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD, AND THE AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS FROM 1984 TO 1995. THIS LAST COLUMN DENOTES THE AVERAGE OPENINGS EXPECTED EACH YEAR DUE TO BOTH INDUSTRY EXPANSION AND REPLACEMENT NEEDS. ONE FACTOR, WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THESE ESTIMATES, IS OPENINGS CREATED BY GEOGRAPHIC OR OCCUPATIONAL MOBILITY. WHEN WORKERS MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION OR CHANGE JOBS, THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS ARE NOT COUNTED HERE AS JOB OPENINGS. ALTHOUGH THIS MOBILITY IS RECOGNIZED AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE STUDY OF FUTURE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, IT IS A FACTOR WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE FOR.

AS MENTIONED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE LABOR MARKET DIGEST, A PUBLICATION ENTITLED "MAINE OCCUPATIONAL NEEDS - OUTLOOK TO 1995" WILL BE RELEASED LATER THIS YEAR. IT WILL SHOW 1984 EMPLOYMENT AND PROJECTED NEEDS TO 1995 FOR OVER 300 SELECTED DETAILED OCCUPATIONS.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



MAINE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY OCCUPATION

1984 AND PROJECTED 1995 1/

Occupation	1984 Employment	1995 Projected Employment	1984-1995 Absolute Change	1984-1995 Percent Change	Average Annual Job Openings 1984-1995
Total, All Occupations, All Classes of Workers 2/...	512,095	599,528	87,433	17.1	28,990
Professional, Technical, and Kindred Occupations..	80,047	98,655	18,608	23.2	5,025
Engineers	5,622	5,052	1,430	39.5	243
Engineering and Science Technicians	5,380	6,725	1,345	25.0	216
Medical Workers, Except Technicians	12,164	15,904	3,740	30.7	898
Health Technologists and Technicians	7,499	8,755	1,256	16.5	421
Teachers	25,420	26,495	3,075	13.1	1,256
Writers, Artists, and Entertainers	4,589	5,710	1,321	30.1	318
All Other Professional and Technical Workers	23,574	30,055	6,461	27.4	1,675
Managers and Officials	47,484	57,906	10,422	21.9	3,164
Sales Workers	27,224	33,609	6,385	23.5	1,868
Sales Agents and Brokers, Insurance, Real Estate, Stock and Bond	2,600	3,590	990	38.1	259
Sales Clerks	14,583	17,546	2,963	20.3	926
All Other Sales Workers	10,042	12,473	2,431	24.2	682
Clerical Workers	81,248	95,212	13,964	17.2	4,738
Stenographers, Secretaries, and Typists	14,313	15,159	846	5.9	715
Office Machine Operators	3,220	4,104	884	27.5	191
Bank Tellers	3,050	3,716	666	21.8	175
Bookkeepers and Accounting Clerks	8,686	10,461	1,775	20.4	589
Cashiers	10,330	13,967	3,637	35.2	784
Shipping and Receiving Occupations	5,472	5,873	401	11.5	130
Stock, Procurement, and Yard Clerks	5,430	5,431	1	0.0	110
General Clerks, Office	9,261	10,634	1,373	14.8	586
All Other Clerical Workers	25,487	29,868	4,381	17.2	1,458
Crafts and Kindred Workers	72,003	84,850	12,847	17.8	3,632
Construction Crafts Workers	24,561	28,898	4,337	17.7	1,338
Blue Collar Worker Supervisors	7,871	9,135	1,264	16.1	370
Metal Working Crafts Workers, Except Mechanics..	4,943	5,954	1,011	20.5	230
Mechanics, Repairers, and Installers	16,107	19,138	3,031	18.8	721
Inspectors and Testers	3,674	4,111	437	11.9	172
Maintenance Repairers, General Utility	3,951	4,789	838	21.2	228
All Other Crafts and Kindred Workers	10,897	12,825	1,928	17.7	573

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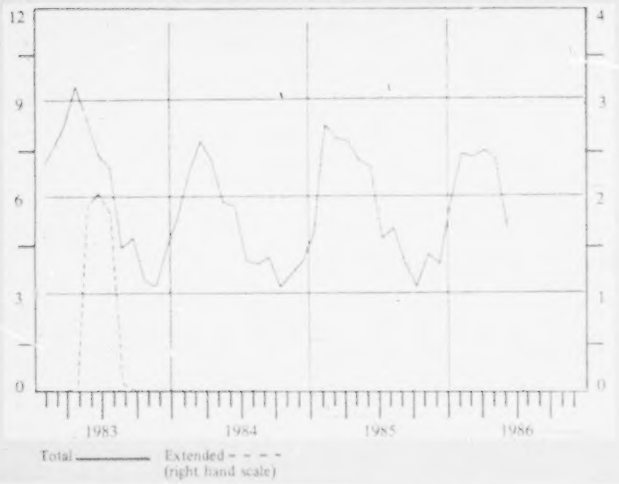
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments

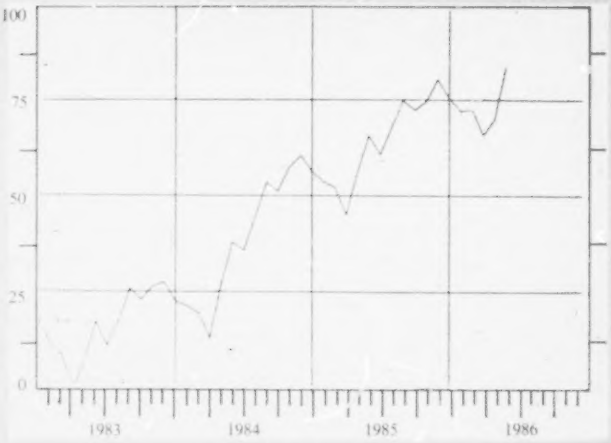
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

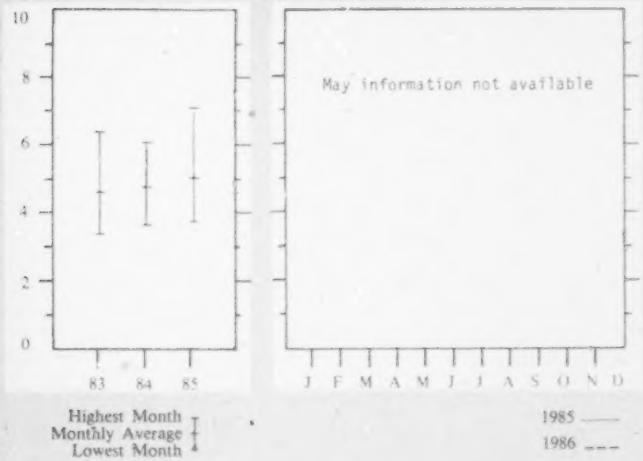
ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	472.4	462.2	457.0	112.3	110.7	108.4	37.8	37.2	37.2
Total Manufacturing	104.4	103.3	106.0	16.7	16.9	16.6	10.5	10.4	10.7
Durable Goods	44.0	43.7	43.9	8.4	8.5	8.4	2.7	2.7	2.7
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.5	12.2	11.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.8	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.1	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.2	10.1	9.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.6	9.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.0	3.9	3.8	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.4	59.6	62.1	8.5	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.7	8.0
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.1	7.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.2	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	16.8	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	3.8	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.5	13.4	15.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	11.0	12.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.0	2.2
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.0	1.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	368.0	358.9	351.0	95.4	93.8	91.8	27.3	26.8	26.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	26.9	23.3	23.5	6.5	6.0	6.1	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	18.7	19.2	5.8	5.7	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.3	22.7	21.9	8.8	8.7	8.7	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	91.1	86.9	85.7	23.3	22.6	22.6	7.0	6.8	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	22.5	22.1	20.7	10.4	10.3	9.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	98.0	95.5	94.4	26.6	25.7	25.6	9.5	9.3	9.3
Government	87.0	89.6	85.4	14.0	14.8	13.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
Federal	18.7	19.0	18.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	68.3	70.6	67.0	12.2	13.0	12.0	3.5	3.5	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	*	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

THESE DATA ARE DEVELOPED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

New Applications For Work

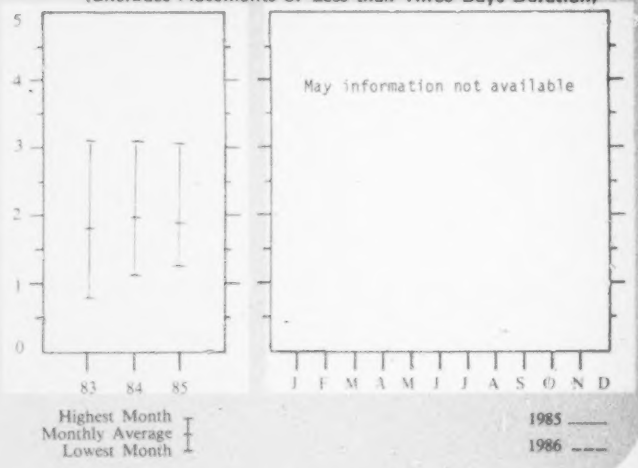
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$347.09	$342.91	$332.43	40.5	40.2	40.1	$8.57	$8.53	$8.29	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	346.49	347.24	334.00	41.2	40.9	40.0	8.41	8.49	8.35	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	296.12	289.20	308.59	40.9	40.0	41.2	7.24	7.23	7.49	9.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	365.94	351.54	343.62	42.7	42.1	41.3	8.57	8.35	8.32	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	398.93	401.55	361.58	40.5	41.1	40.4	9.85	9.77	8.95	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	304.96	301.47	289.45	38.7	39.0	38.8	7.88	7.73	7.46	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	412.38	429.41	379.06	43.5	43.2	39.2	9.48	9.94	9.67	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	346.73	339.83	331.25	39.9	39.7	40.2	8.69	8.56	8.24	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	249.90	230.62	245.32	35.0	32.3	37.8	7.14	7.14	6.49	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	292.17	280.43	277.55	42.1	41.3	41.8	6.94	6.79	6.64	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	194.59	207.86	204.05	33.9	35.9	35.0	5.74	5.79	5.83	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	577.30	568.70	539.02	46.0	46.5	44.4	12.55	12.23	12.14	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	220.95	221.17	222.59	36.4	36.8	37.6	6.07	6.01	5.92	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	308.51	317.89	294.62	39.3	39.0	39.6	7.85	8.15	7.44	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	357.89	358.68	336.54	38.4	39.2	38.2	9.32	9.15	8.81	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	267.42	n/a	n/a	39.5	n/a	n/a	6.77	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	244.6	240.4	234.5
Unemployed	14.1	13.9	13.5
(Percent)	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Resident Employed	230.5	226.5	221.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	326.3	325.3	321.3	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	- 0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	561.2	555.2	542.6	532.1	520.2	513.9	29.1	35.0	28.7	5.2	6.3	5.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,600	40,200	39,400	37,600	37,700	37,600	2,000	2,500	1,800	5.1	6.2	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,600	40,500	39,700	38,100	37,600	37,200	2,500	2,900	2,500	6.2	7.2	6.3
Portland MSA	114,200	113,000	110,000	111,100	109,500	107,000	3,100	3,500	3,000	2.7	3.1	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	125,230	119,360	n/a	121,600	114,810	n/a	3,630	4,550	n/a	2.9	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,040	30,610	31,020	29,540	28,950	29,640	1,500	1,660	1,380	4.8	5.4	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	25,740	25,590	24,880	24,880	24,580	23,940	860	1,010	940	3.3	3.9	3.8
Belfast	11,060	10,690	10,840	10,100	9,410	9,790	960	1,280	1,050	8.7	12.0	9.7
Biddeford	26,170	25,570	25,060	25,050	24,210	23,990	1,120	1,360	1,070	4.3	5.3	4.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	12,420	11,060	11,810	11,930	10,490	11,380	490	570	430	3.9	5.2	3.6
Calais-Eastport	13,320	13,290	12,620	11,860	11,570	11,410	1,460	1,720	1,210	11.0	12.9	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,790	21,780	20,830	20,080	19,690	19,330	1,710	2,090	1,500	7.8	9.6	7.2
Central Penobscot	2,750	2,710	2,570	2,550	2,450	2,350	200	260	220	7.3	9.6	8.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,590	6,580	6,550	6,190	6,110	6,200	400	470	350	6.1	7.1	5.3
Ellsworth	22,470	21,750	21,230	21,060	19,880	20,000	1,410	1,870	1,230	6.3	8.6	5.8
Farmington	11,630	11,830	11,250	10,600	10,720	10,060	1,030	1,110	1,190	8.9	9.4	10.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,860	4,970	4,900	4,110	4,080	4,160	750	890	740	15.4	17.9	15.1
Greenville	1,120	1,060	1,070	970	850	920	150	210	150	13.4	19.8	14.0
Houlton	6,000	5,920	5,880	5,550	5,320	5,460	450	600	420	7.5	10.1	7.1
Kittery-York 3/	28,650	28,070	26,880	28,340	27,670	26,520	310	400	360	1.1	1.4	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,480	5,490	5,280	5,010	4,900	4,900	470	590	380	8.6	10.7	7.2
Livermore Falls	4,560	4,610	4,500	4,250	4,250	4,140	310	360	360	6.8	7.8	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,830	3,920	3,710	3,480	3,470	3,390	350	450	320	9.1	11.5	8.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,480	4,580	4,500	4,190	4,190	4,260	290	390	240	6.5	8.5	5.3
Norway-Paris	11,460	11,520	10,950	10,720	10,600	10,290	740	920	660	6.5	8.0	6.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,630	2,540	2,210	2,370	2,240	1,980	260	300	230	9.9	11.8	10.4
Rockland	17,110	16,710	17,200	16,070	15,460	16,180	1,040	1,250	1,020	6.1	7.5	5.9
Rumford	8,410	8,480	8,230	7,740	7,730	7,450	670	750	780	8.0	8.8	9.5
Sanford	15,420	15,590	15,070	14,640	14,670	13,990	780	920	1,080	5.1	5.9	7.2
Sebago Lakes Region	12,540	12,060	10,440	12,150	11,590	10,040	390	470	400	3.1	3.9	3.8
Skowhegan	23,040	22,480	21,790	21,300	20,360	19,980	1,740	2,120	1,810	7.6	9.4	8.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,480	10,490	10,080	9,720	9,560	9,380	760	930	700	7.3	8.9	6.9
Waterville	21,840	21,610	22,100	20,880	20,390	20,890	960	1,220	1,210	4.4	5.6	5.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,719.3	1,705.9	n/a	1,656.7	1,624.7	n/a	62.6	81.2	n/a	3.6	4.8
Massachusetts	3,047.0	3,036.0	3,062.5	2,925.0	2,919.0	2,957.4	122.0	116.0	105.0	4.0	3.8	3.4
New Hampshire	562.5	559.5	528.8	544.5	540.8	507.5	18.0	18.7	21.3	3.2	3.3	4.0
Rhode Island	507.4	500.9	504.6	489.9	481.4	479.8	17.5	19.5	24.8	3.4	3.9	4.9
Vermont	282.2	283.5	274.9	269.4	269.4	262.3	12.8	14.1	12.6	4.5	5.0	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,098.2	6,619.2	n/a	5,867.3	6,345.6	n/a	230.9	273.6	n/a	3.8	4.1
UNITED STATES 4/	117,199	116,317	114,890	109,041	108,281	106,880	8,158	8,115	8,011	7.0	7.0	7.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,905	13,317	10,922	855	1,090	1,036	780	1,186	974
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.0	3.0	2.5	0.8	3.2	1.1	2.2	1.2	2.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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OCCUPATION	1984 EMPLOYMENT	1995 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT	1984-1995 ABSOLUTE CHANGE	1984-1995 PERCENT CHANGE	AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS 1984-1995
OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS	77,014	79,512	2,498	3.2	2,557
SEMISKILLED METALWORKING OPERATIVES	5,605	7,138	1,533	27.4	301
SEMISKILLED TEXTILE OPERATIVES	3,629	2,964	-665	-18.3	66
SEM SKILLED PACKING AND INSPECTING OPERATIVES	4,900	4,864	-36	-0.7	172
ASSEMBLERS	6,269	8,254	1,985	31.7	404
SEWERS AND STITCHERS	4,841	4,394	-447	-9.2	143
SHOEMAKING MACHINE OPERATORS	5,977	3,578	-2,399	-40.1	-59
MACHINE OPERATIVES, PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	3,046	2,848	-198	-6.5	60
DELIVERY AND ROUTE WORKERS	4,318	4,979	661	15.3	131
TRUCK DRIVERS	8,447	9,598	1,151	13.6	273
ALL OTHER OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS	29,982	30,895	913	3.0	1,070
SERVICE WORKERS	78,394	98,595	20,201	25.8	5,855
CLEANING SERVICE WORKERS	14,225	17,672	3,447	24.2	1,256
FOOD SERVICE WORKERS	31,756	39,341	7,585	23.9	1,954
HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS	9,552	13,187	3,635	38.1	748
PERSONAL SERVICE WORKERS	8,183	10,954	2,771	33.9	726
PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS	7,276	8,848	1,572	21.6	606
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS	4,916	5,455	539	11.0	410
ALL OTHER SERVICE WORKERS	2,485	3,137	652	26.2	156
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM	38,961	42,804	3,843	9.9	1,829
FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS	9,721	8,385	-1,336	-13.7	325

1/ DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.

2/ INCLUDES SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS.

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